

Criminal Justice Treatment Specialist Services Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism in the Maine Adult prisons, and to provide an alternative to incarceration via the Maine Adult Drug Treatment Courts by providing evidence based substance abuse treatment. For every prisoner that doesn't enter or re-enter the Maine Adult Prisons the *yearly cost per inmate of \$43,363 is not incurred.



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The Office of Substance Abuse Treatment Team is responsible for assisting service providers with the coordination, planning, and implementation of alcohol and drug abuse programs. The Criminal Justice Treatment Specialist is responsible for collaborating with the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) for institution based substance abuse treatment programs and with the six Maine Adult Drug Treatment Courts (ADTC's) for community based substance abuse treatment programs.

Program Goals:

Continue monitoring and improving the evidence based Differential Substance Abuse Treatment (DSAT) program by:

1. Oversight of the treatment programs in the prisons and drug courts.
2. Adapting lessons learned, updating statistics and working toward reducing the administrative burden of delivery.
3. Maintaining fidelity to DSAT by the DSAT Certification process.
4. Provide a training program for DSAT Facilitators via a mentoring program with a two day SAMHS provided training.
5. Collaborate with MDOC and the Maine Office of the Courts to solve problems and develop policy.
6. Maintain membership on the Board of Corrections Medical/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Focus Group.

Program Activities:

1. Assess and monitor contracts with agencies to ensure that DSAT is delivered with fidelity to maintain it as an Evidence Based Practice (EBP).
2. Assess and monitor data provided by agencies through the Treatment Data System to ensure access and retention measures are met.
3. Analyze policy options, at both state and local levels, for increasing the effectiveness of services provided to the criminal justice population.
4. Provide technical assistance to agencies providing DSAT services.
5. Perform site visits to assure that agencies are meeting contractual requirements and to provide a forum for agency feedback.

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